

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13, 15-17, 20-23, 25, 27-37, 39-42, 44, 45, 48, 51, 53, 57-59, 62, 63, 97-103, 105-110, 112-116, 118, 119 and 121 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 17, 27, 32, 48, 62, 97, 103, 109, 118, 119 and 121 are amended, and claims 18, 19, 26, 46, 47, 60, 61, 85, 86, 104, 111, 117, and 120 are canceled. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-13, 15 and 16 are allowed. In addition, Applicants appreciate the indication that several claims are indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, claim 17 is rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 26, claim 48 is rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 61, claim 62 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 120, claim 97 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 117, claim 103 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 104, and claim 109 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 111. In addition, claim 32 is amended in a manner which is similar to the manner in which claim 48 was amended, which now includes the allowable subject matter of claim 61.

With respect to the rejections in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully disagree with the positions taken in the Office Action. However, because all of the claims now include subject matter which is indicated to be either allowed or allowable, Applicants believe that no further comments are necessary. In any event, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in one or more divisional and/or continuation applications.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

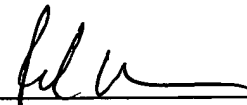
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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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